



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., December 28, 2012 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012, was 3.0 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was down 5 percent from December 1, 2011, and down 5 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding hog inventory, at 380,000 head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2011, but unchanged from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.62 million head, was down 5 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.84 million head, was down 2 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 175,000 head, down 3 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 170,000 sows during the December 2012-February 2013 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for March-May 2013 are 175,000 sows, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2012 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2012-February 2013 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, and up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for March-May 2013, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2012, but up slightly from 2011.

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